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In re Application

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Application No. 09/659,306 : DECISION ON APPLICATION Filed: September 12, 2000 : FOR PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT

Atty Docket No. 659/718

This is a decision on the "REQUEST FOR REVIEW OF PATENT TERM ADJUSTMENT," filed July 13, 2006. Applicants request that the initial determination of patent term adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) be corrected from one thousand, two hundred eighty-one (1281) days to one thousand, two hundred seventy-eight (1278) days.

The application for patent term adjustment is **GRANTED**.

The Office has updated the PAIR screen to reflect that the correct Patent Term Adjustment (PTA) determination at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is one thousand two hundred seventy-eight (1278) days. A copy of the updated PAIR screen, showing the correct determination, is enclosed.

On April 12, 2006, the Office mailed the Determination of Patent Term Adjustment under 35 U.S.C. 154(b) in the above-identified application. The Notice stated that the patent term adjustment (PTA) to date was one thousand, two hundred eighty-one (1281) days.

The Office initially determined a patent term adjustment of one thousand, two hundred eighty-one (1281) days based on an adjustment for PTO delay of one thousand, two hundred eighty-one (1281) days pursuant to 35 U.S.C. 154(b)(1)(A)(i) and 37 C.F.R. § 1.703(a)(1), reduced by zero (0) days of applicant delay. The PTO delay of 1281 days has been reviewed and found to be correct.

Applicants point out that they should have been assessed an additional delay of three (3) days pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.704(b) for filing a late response to a Notice to File Missing Parts. The Office mailed a Notice to File Missing Parts on November 17, 2000. Applicant filed a reply on February 20, 2001. Although the reply was made timely for purposes of avoiding abandonment by obtaining a one month extension of time and including a Certificate of Mailing dated February 15, 2001, the reply was not timely pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.704(b). Accordingly, three (3) days of applicant delay should have been assessed.

In view thereof, the correct determination of patent term adjustment at the time of the mailing of the Notice of Allowance is **one thousand**, **two hundred seventy-eight (1278) days** (1281 days of PTO delay, reduced by 3 days of applicant delay).

No fee has been charged. The Office thanks applicants for their good faith and candor in bringing this matter to the Office's attention.

The application file is being forwarded to the Office of Patent Publication for processing into a patent.

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Enclosure: Copy of Revised PAIR Screen

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PTA Calculations for Application: <u>09/659306</u>								
Application Filing Date:	09/12/2000	PTO Delay (PTO):	1281					
Issue Date of Patent:		Three Years:	0					
Pre-Issue Petitions:	0	Applicant Delay (APPL):	0					
Post-Issue Petitions:	0	Total PTA (days):	1278					
PTO Delay Adjustment:	-3							

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31	04/12/2006	MAIL NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE						
30	04/11/2006	ISSUE REVISION COMPLETED						
29	04/10/2006	NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE DATA VERIFICATION COMPLETED						
28	04/10/2006	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU						
27	04/10/2006	NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY						
26	10/21/2005	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT CONSIDERED						
25	01/03/2006	NEW OR ADDITIONAL DRAWING FILED						
24	01/12/2006	DATE FORWARDED TO EXAMINER						
23	01/03/2006	RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION						
22	10/21/2005	REFERENCE CAPTURE ON IDS						
21		INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED						
20	10/05/2005	MAIL NON-FINAL REJECTION						
19	10/03/2005	NON-FINAL REJECTION						
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17	06/27/2005	RESPONSE AFTER NON-FINAL ACTION						
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15	04/19/2005	NON-FINAL REJECTION						
14	04/18/2005	IFW TSS PROCESSING BY TECH CENTER COMPLETE						
13	04/18/2005	CASE DOCKETED TO EXAMINER IN GAU						
12	05/30/2002	REFERENCE CAPTURE ON IDS						
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10	04/03/2002 REFERENCE CAPTURE ON IDS			
9	04/03/2002	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED		
8		REFERENCE CAPTURE ON IDS		
7	12/04/2000	INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS) FILED		
6	05/03/2001	APPLICATION DISPATCHED FROM OIPE		
5	05/03/2001	APPLICATION IS NOW COMPLETE		
4	11/17/2000	NOTICE MAILEDAPPLICATION INCOMPLETE FILING DATE ASSIGNED		
		CORRESPONDENCE ADDRESS CHANGE		
2	10/04/2000	IFW SCAN & PACR AUTO SECURITY REVIEW		
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